

The City of Everett

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, while being a marvelous source of recreation, boating can pose risks to the unprepared; and

WHEREAS, on average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; approximately 71% of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

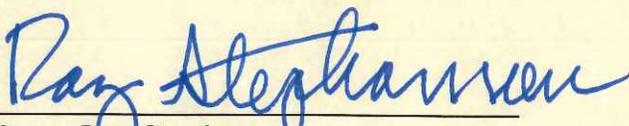
WHEREAS, modern life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ray Stephanson, Mayor of the City of Everett, do hereby proclaim May 21-27, 2016, as

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

in the City of Everett and encourage all residents who boat to "Wear it" and practice safe boating habits.

Signed this 20th day of May, 2016



Mayor Ray Stephanson

